

REMARKS

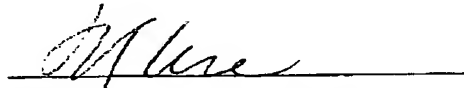
The Office Action of 04/05/2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 were rejected as being unpatentable over Neudeck. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited reference.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite that a small proportion of a total number of latches to be switched during a cycle of a given clock signal are driven by the same delay circuit, thereby reducing substrate bounce. The delay circuit comprises one or more transistors. No such feature is believed to be taught or suggested by Neudeck.

Allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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